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Description

USDA-Forest Service, Olympic National Forest, Pacific Ranger District Notice of 30-day Comment on Preliminary Environmental Assessment Calawah Off-Highway Vehicle Project Request for Comment: The Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Calawah Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Project is now available for a 30-day public review and comment period. The preliminary EA discloses an analysis of environmental effects for the proposed action. The proposed action addresses ongoing unauthorized OHV use on the Olympic National Forest. The proposed action would designate about 22 miles of National Forest System Roads and unauthorized user created OHV trails for use and construct about 0.25 miles of new OHV trail. Designated roads and trails would be restricted to OHVs 50 inches wide or less. In order to focus use on the proposed OHV trail network and reduce resource impacts, about 6.6 miles of existing unauthorized user-created trails would be rehabilitated as part of the proposed action. The project area is located in the Calawah River and Sol Duc River fifth field watersheds. The legal locations of the proposed trail system are as follows: T29N, R10W, Sections 6 and 7; T29N, R11W, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14; and T30N, R11W, Section 31, 35, and 36. The project area includes National Forest System, state, and private lands. The preliminary EA and associated maps are available for review and comment at the project website (hard copies are available upon request):

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp .php?project=38717 This project is subject to comment and objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request. The Forest Service will accept comments on this proposal for 30 days following the publication of the opportunity to comment legal notice in the Peninsula Daily News, which is the exclusive means of calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25). Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment will be part of the public record for this project. Comments must be submitted in a timely manner in writing to the Responsible Official, Dean Millett, Pacific District Ranger, through Kim Crider, Project Lead, Olympic National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512, or call 360-956-2376. If you have any questions regarding the details of this proposal, please contact the project lead. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Comments can be faxed to 360-956-2330. Electronic comments must be submitted online via the project website listed above. On the project website within the "Get Connected" group to the right click on the "Comment/Object on Project" link and follow on-screen instructions for submitting comments. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. Pub: September 29, 2017 Legal No: 778837

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